## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition comprising a detergent and a crosslinked product, wherein said crosslinked product is obtained by reacting a compound having 2 to 32 hydroxyl groups (hereinafter, referred to as component (a)[[)]] with a polyhydric alcohol polyglycidyl ether (hereinafter, referred to as component (b)[[)]], ~~wherein the polyhydric alcohol group of component (b) is a compound represented by the formula (III):~~
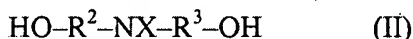
~~HO–(R⁵O)ₙ–H   (III)~~

~~wherein R⁵ represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and n is a number of 1 to 30; glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 2 to 30; or sorbitol, and~~

wherein the component (a) is ~~a compound represented by the formula (I):~~

~~HO–(R¹O)ₘ–H   (I)~~
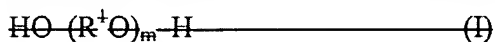
~~wherein R¹ is a C2 to C3 alkylene group and m is a number of 1 to 30;~~ a compound represented by the formula (II):

HO–R²–NX–R³–OH   (II)

wherein R^2 and R^3 independently represent a C2 to C3 alkylene group, X represents a hydrogen atom or a group represented by $-R^4-OH$ whereupon R^4 represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and R^2, R^3 and R^4 may contain repeated oxyethylene groups and/or oxypropylene groups; ~~glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 2 to 30; or sorbitol,~~ and

wherein the polyhydric alcohol group of component (b) is a compound represented by the formula (III):

HO–(R⁵O)ₙ–H   (III)

wherein R^5 represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and n is a number of 1 to 30; glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 2 to 30; or sorbitol.

2. - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (a) is triethanolamine and the component (b) is a diglycidyl ether of either ethylene glycol or polyethylene glycol.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method of releasing soil from clothes, comprising the step of: washing said clothes with the crosslinked product described in claim 1.

8. (New) The detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein X of formula (II) represents $-R^4-OH$.